VICTORY TO PEOPLE'S WAR IN EL SALVADOR !
DEFEAT U.S. IMPERIALISM !

The people of El Salvador are fighting a people's war, under the leadership of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, to defeat and overthrow a US-backed military, Christian-Democrat junta. The FDR/FMLN is mobilizing all progressive Salvadoran people into the revolutionary struggle; their people's war is the only road to victory because the repressive forces of US imperialism are waging a bloody war against the people, slaughtering thousands to maintain the domination and exploitation of El Salvador's people and resources.

How can we build a solidarity movement that will actively support the revolution in El Salvador, a movement that challenges both US military domination and US political/economic strategies for maintaining control of other countries, whether through direct colonial control, as in Puerto Rico, or through US-backed dictatorial regimes, as in Mexico or El Salvador?

The first principle of our movement must be anti-imperialism. Imperialism is a system that is based on control of nations; it exploits and extracts the resources, land and labor of other nations for the benefit of the US. Military and political conquest, far from being an abberation in our foreign policy, is the basis and motivation for US wealth and power. Founding itself on the seizure of Indian land, the kidnap of millions of Africans as slaves and the theft of one-half of Mexico, the US first consolidated itself "from sea to shining sea" and then had to expand overseas, because this system must expand or die. US imperialism remains a system of oppressed nations. Within the borders are occupied nations: Black New Afrika, , the Chicano/Mexicano people of the northern half of Mexico and the Native American nations. Outside are colonized and neocolonized nations subject to US rule. Reagan, like Carter before him, is carrying out a strategy to maintain US domination, now weakened by the rise of revolution and inter-imperialist rivalries, against the threat of these liberation movements.

In order to fundamentally change the whole system of military, political and economic domination, our solidarity movement must fight imperialism in its totality. Otherwise, the US will continually strike against the liberation struggles--directly or through sabotage and destabilization. For example, the US is arming and supporting counter-revolutionary Somoza forces in Nicaragua while intensifying its COINTELPRO war strategies against occupied nations within this country. By opposing the entire imperialist system, our solidarity movement can support the revolutionary forces and actually help them to win a new world order.

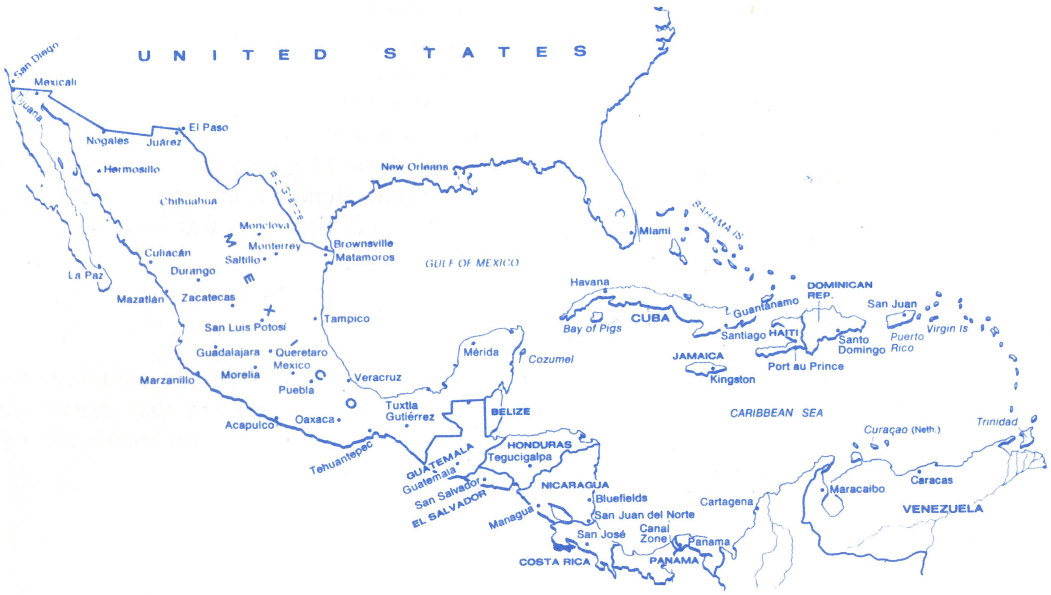
SUPPORT PEOPLE'S WAR!

The history of imperialism means that in El Salvador, US intervention is not a new threat. The military dictatorship of the junta is itself a product of US intervention. US multinationals in El Salvador have been robbing the people since the 1900's and are now backing direct US invasion to "pacify" and "stabilize" the country. The US strategy is actually to pursue a number of options at once. The military is preparing for a direct invasion if necessary. At the same time, imperialism is trying to isolate the revolutionary forces in El Salvador by offering the possibility of a settlement to be negotiated with "moderate" elements. This maneuver, backed by tremendous pressure on progressive countries like Nicaragua to cut off support for the revolution, would grant token reforms and maintain El Salvador's economic dependence on the US. The participation of the Christian Democrats in the junta is a result of this strategy. The people's war is the proof that such a strategy will not work.

A people's war is an effort, already visible in the new revolutionary formations in El Salvador, to defeat the enemy and to completely restructure a more just society. The Salvadoran people are mobilizing to fight on all levels: creating democratic organizations of struggle, from military confrontation and sheltering guerrilla forces, to demonstrating in the streets. The creative spirit of a people's war has meant, for instance, a new position for Salvadoran women, who have organized and incorporated themselves into all aspects of the revolution. They show through their practice that they will not permit women's oppression to continue in the new El Salvador. These and other struggles ensure a people united for military victory and also build a new society capable of securing and holding genuine independence.

THE STRUGGLE IS A CONTINENTAL STRUGGLE!

US imperialism depends on domination of the world and especially the Western Hemisphere. Senator Jesse Helms demonstrates US fears: "If we don't draw the line south of El Salvador, we won't be able to draw the line north of Mexico." Revolutionary movements in Latin America are joining together in a continental strategy to defeat the US and liberate their countries. The EGP, the Guerrilla Army of the Poor in Guatemala, points out that the only thing stopping the Guatemalan troops from massively invading El Salvador is the strength of the armed revolutionary forces in Guatemala. Instead of supporting El Salvador in isolation from the rest of the struggles against US intervention in the Caribbean and Latin America, we must build solidarity with all the struggles, because they are just and because they are strategic in their potential to destroy imperialism. To secure and maintain full independence for the oppressed nations will require the support of revolutionary movement throughout the continent.



The Latin American revolution is already spilling across US borders in the strategic struggles of Mexico and Puerto Rico. Their complete rejection of reformist solutions and their situation as nations with a huge population colonized within US borders, will lead in defeating the US. Mexico does not stop at the Rio Grande. With its vast oil reserves and a population on both sides of the illegal border under the same conditions as in El Salvador, it is a particularly vulnerable spot. The Chicano/Mexicano people in the "Southwest" are a rearguard to the struggle in Mexico, and are mounting a fight for reunification with Mexico of the northern territories occupied and incorporated into the US by invasion in 1848. This is why the US is backing a modernization of the Mexican Army, to police Central America

and suppress the mounting opposition to the fascist PRI government. The Mexican government's verbal support for the Salvadoran struggle masks its opposition to revolution for Latin America and its military domination of its own people. Reunification into a revolutionary, socialist Mexico, would cut away a huge portion of the land and oppressed people that prop up the US empire.

The independence struggle of Puerto Rico is a strategic wedge of Latin American revolution that penetrates into the US itself. The beginning people's war for Puerto Rican independence is being waged on the island and also among the 3 million Puerto Ricans forced here by US control of their country. Puerto Rico is central for US domination of Latin America; it is the 2nd largest US market in the Hemisphere and the site of the largest US Naval base in the world. Puerto Rico was the staging area for the 1965 invasion of the Dominican Republic, and new US forces are readied there for use against El Salvador. In response to US imperialism, 5 armed clandestine political-military organizations in Puerto Rico, and the FALN in the US are attacking key US military and corporate targets and leading a growing people's war. Through their struggle for independence these revolutionaries act in concert with the continental anti-imperialist strategy. In January, clandestine independence forces destroyed 9 US jets used to train for possible invasion of El Salvador, valued at $45 million, in solidarity with the revolutionary forces of people's war in El Salvador and in support of the 11 Puerto Rican Prisoners of War. The stance of these 11 patriots as Prisoners of War, and the US charges of seditious conspiracy against them, demonstrate that a state of war for independence exists in Puerto Rico and the US, and that this war has the capacity to cut to the heart of US imperialism.

In this country, if we want to truly support these revolutionary forces, we must take up the strategy of international solidarity as our own, and build a movement that strikes against US imperialism in unison with revolutionary movements, both outside and within the US, to help build a new world free from all oppression and exploitation.

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